

MUR # 6543

March 23, 2012

Gentlemen,

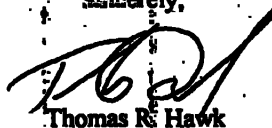
I received a robo phone call on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at approximately 2:52PM. The call was a recorded message from a woman claiming to be my neighbor. The call continued by slandering our U.S. Congressman, Patrick McHenry. Since I didn't answer the phone when the call was received, it was recorded on my telephone answering machine. When I reverse dialed the number (828-318-8543) all I heard was a repeat of the message. Later on in the evening I again dialed the number and all I heard was the first few words of the message and the call was automatically terminated. Neither at the beginning nor the end of the message did the person calling ever identify herself (other than say her name 'Betty'). I found the nature of this call personally disgusting and the very type of filth that has such a negative impact on voters when it comes to this nation's political campaigning efforts.

A transcript of the call is attached. I still have the answer machine recording. However, the quality of the recording (cheap machine) precludes me from sending a copy of the call. I will retain the recording as long as it may be of interest and make it available to anyone wishing to verify the content.

I am submitting this information to the Federal Election Commission because the call made no attempt to clearly state that the call was paid for by any candidate or organization and to my understanding this is illegal under the FEC guidelines. Congressman McHenry is currently engaged in a primary campaign against a man named Ken Fortenberry. I have no proof of who was responsible for the call. However, this is the only active primary challenger in the race, which is why I have the belief that Mr. Fortenberry may have been responsible for the call. I later heard that the same robo call was made to many voters here in Lincoln County and the adjoining Gaston County.

I was offended both by the anonymous nature of the robo call and the character of the personal attack made against Mr. McHenry. Since this message failed to identify the individual making the call or what individual or group was funding the effort, I trust that the FEC can investigate this matter, determine who made the calls, and hold accountable whoever is responsible.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Hawk

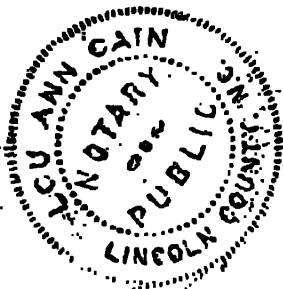
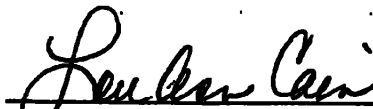
Lincolnton, NC 28092

North Carolina
Lincoln County

Signed and sworn to before me this day by

Thomas R. Hawk

Witness my hand and official seal, this the

23day of March 20 12.


Notary Public

Lou Ann Cain

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To the best of my ability, here is a
99% accurate transcription of the offending
robb call.

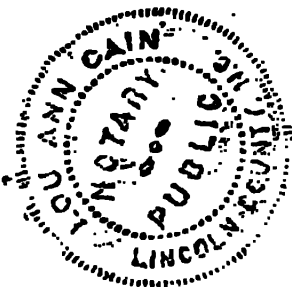
"Hello, this is Betty, one of your neighbors.
I'm calling to share some thoughts about
voting on May 8th of this year. Let me tell
you, I'm a Republican and my husband John
is an Independent, and we agree on one
thing—what are we doing sending
Congressman McHenry back to Washington?
McHenry is not one of us. McHenry's politics
and personal life style is going to blow up in
our face sooner or later. Remember Delay
from Texas, Foley from Florida, and Senator
Craig from Idaho. We are also voting for a
marriage amendment in May and McHenry is
not that kind of Conservative. McHenry is not
one of us. Bye now."


THOMAS R. HAWK

North Carolina
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Witness my hand and official seal, this the 23 day of March, 2012.





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